



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

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**Notice of the 2009 Assessment Rates for the
California Garlic and Onion Research Program**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Garlic and Onion Research Board recently met to make budgetary decisions for its 2009 fiscal year. As you may recall, this state marketing order was approved by industry votes in 2004 for the purpose of conducting research relating to the production, processing and distribution of garlic and onions. The program is funded by mandatory assessments upon producers and handlers of garlic as defined (*garlic grown in California without regard to whether it is marketed fresh, dehydrated or processed in some other fashion*) and upon producers and handlers of onions as defined (*only those onions grown in California for dehydration*). In planning for its 2009 fiscal year, the Board established its 2009 assessment rates as shown below. These rates have been approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and they are unchanged from last year.

	Producer Assessment	Handler Assessment	Total Assessment
Garlic (for all uses)	\$0.0125 / cwt.	\$0.0125 / cwt.	\$0.025 / cwt.
Onions (for dehydration only)	\$0.00625 / cwt.	\$0.00625 / cwt.	\$0.0125 / cwt.

As you can see, the assessments are split evenly between producers and handlers. However, in order to facilitate the collection of the assessments, handlers will be required to remit both the producer and the handler portions of the assessment. A handler may subsequently deduct the assessments paid on behalf of a producer from any money owed by the handler to the producer. This is the same procedure that was used last year. Handlers will soon be mailed instructions and forms for remitting these assessments.

If you have questions regarding this assessment notice or this program, please call Bob Ehn, CEO of the California Garlic and Onion Research Board, at (559) 297-9322 or Joe Monson with the Marketing Branch at (916) 341-6005.

Sincerely,

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